

## BROKEN MIRROR

do it, he denied his death. So he denies life." women, refusing to teach them or learn from them. Witches, who almost universally went on working.deserted. I must have taken a wrong turn. One part of my "platform" held flattened buildings.other, only me, what would I want a name for?".The Song of the Young King, sung annually at Sunreturn, the festival of the winter solstice, tells the story of Morred, called the Mage-King, the White Enchanter, and the Young King. Morred came of a collateral line of the House of Enlad, inheriting the throne from a cousin; his forebears were wizards, advisers to the kings..I am doing the wrong, I am the ill, Irioth thought. He stopped the spell words in his mouth..mere glimpse at the place told me that things had been happening there while I wasn't looking. It.themselves to work "high magic" by scrupulously avoiding "base spells," "Earthlore," and women. A.the fountain, where the tree Elehal had planted now stood tall, its berries reddening.. "What? What milk? That's brit. . .".increasingly on wizards to fend off dragons and Kargish fleets. In the Havnorian Lay and The Deed.the parents died young. So not much heed was paid to him, until they had to take notice of him.the background, making do with slaves and prentices.."I have thought some about it," said the boy, in his husky voice..Tern..stride out of the stableyard without a word, the ugly hound she favoured trotting after her. It.He sat up. The dark sea was so quiet that the stars were reflected here and there on the sleek lee side of the long swells. Oared galleys seldom went out of sight of land and seldom rowed through the night, laying to in any bay or harbor; but there was no moorage on this crossing, and since the weather was settled so mild, they had put up the mast and big square sail. The ship drifted softly forward, her slave oarsmen sleeping on their benches, the free men of her crew all asleep but the helmsman and the lookout, and the lookout was dozing. The water whispered on her sides, her timbers creaked a little, a slaves chain rattled, rattled again..The idea of doing harm troubled her, but the idea of danger had not entered her mind. She found it inconceivable. "I'll be all right," she said. "So the Namer, and you - and the Doorkeeper?".which useful, which dangerous; why some people had one gift but not another, and whether you could.He spent the whole afternoon in confusion, angry. When Ember came out of the Grove to her leafy bower upstream, he went there, carrying Veil's basket as an excuse. "May I talk to you?" he said.."You never saw a shirt? Sort of, well, clothing. Made of nylon..".Roke. Storm followed storm, as if the winds had risen in rage against the tampering and meddling."Suits me," said Licky..itself felt, assuring complete safety. The platform truly hung in the air, not supported by anything.."They didn't punish him, but kept his wild powers bound with spells until they could make him.They listened to him, not agreeing, not denying, but accepting his despair. His words went into.his prey was in. He walked to it and flung the door open.."We must give what we have to give," said Medra. "If all but us are slaves, what's our freedom worth?".breath. Words came to me and I spoke them. I said, Hama Gondun! And Kurremkarmerruk told them this.the lake. I stood, dumbstruck and enraptured; the wind brought faint, fading echoes of music.."I asked you not to," he said, "and it's not my need I spoke of. I talk enough for two. Never.Library of Congress Catalog Card Number: 79-3358."I can't think, here..".Dulse wandered about a bit before he found what he took to be the Dark Pond. It was small, half mud and reeds, with one vague, boggy path to the water, and no track on that but goat-hoofs. The water was dark, though it lay out under the bright sky and far above the peat soils. Dulse followed the goat-tracks, growling when his foot slipped in the mud and he wrenched his ankle to keep from falling. At the brink of the water he stood still. He stooped to rub his ankle. He listened..of chambers rose up into the tower through smoke and fumes. In those chambers, Licky had told him,..to run her estate from the city, the other had a son whose sons quarrelled again, redividing the.Dulse had seen young men weep for joy at the birth of a first son. He had seen poor men pay.At that the Changer looked at him, and after pondering said soberly, "Doorkeeper, what have you in mind?". "I tell you, Irian, he cannot come here, he cannot harm you here..".because this was a man of power telling him what power was..She had no wish to explore for herself. The peacefulness of the place called for stillness..tried again, and stood up. Then he started forward..teller came to tell it..".on other islands, the school's reputation and influence grew rapidly. The mage Teriel of Havnor,.halfway out the door. I went to put my foot on a step, but there was no step. Between the metal.To bring the past along with us through time in the hold-alls of myth and history is a heavy.Golden owned the mill that cut the oak boards for the ships they built in Havnor South Port and.practice, though even then it would never lose its strangeness. Highdrake's mastery of spells and."Every reason," said the Summoner.."Now I won't have him here no more," Berry said, coming master of the house over her, with the.He knew that, knew it absolutely, though still he tried to say spells, and raised his arms in the.Starving hungry, frustrated, misunderstood, Diamond reached out to hold her again, to make her body understand his body, repeating that first, deep embrace that had held all the years of their lives in it. He found himself standing two feet back, his hands stinging and his ears ringing and his eyes dazzled. The lightning was in Rose's eyes, and her hands sparked as she clenched them. "Never do that again," she whispered..They kept him safe. Maybe that is why the people there now call their village not Woodedge, as it.East Fields," the young man said..So it was. For the rest of his life, Medra kept the doors of the Great House on Roke. The garden door that opened out upon the Knoll was long called Medra's Gate, even after much else had changed in that house as the centuries passed through it. And still the ninth Master of Roke is the Doorkeeper..the very emblem of their happiness. They tried to make her stay and eat supper with them, but she.sent out sorcerers and wizards trained to understand the ethical practice of magic and to protect.undressing, then I was on watch duty. "Olaf!" I wanted to say, and sat up suddenly..She held up her first finger; raised the other fingers, and clenched them together into a fist; then slowly turned her wrist and opened her hand palm out, as if in offering. He had seen Anieb make that gesture. It was not a spell, he thought, watching intently, but a sign. Ayo was watching him..every move. I wanted to return to my former position but apparently overdid it. The

seat."Patterner," said the Doorkeeper, not at all surprised.."How does he hold them all?" the Namer said. "Herbal, you were here when Sparrowhawk and Thorion were challenged by Irioth. His gift was as great as Thorion's, I think. He used it to use men, to control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?" A good sign, thunder, Dulse thought. It would stop raining soon. He pulled up his hood and went out into the rain to feed the chickens..he flinched away from the thought of asking her, asking a witch's opinion on anything, least of..He said nothing. She squatted down to find out what was in the basket. "Peaches!" she said, and.."No, nothing. And if a girl visits a man, what then?"..in our trade it's a lucky man who finds someone to talk to. Keep that in mind. If you're lucky,..connection. He-or Anieb within him-could follow the links of Gelluk's spells back into Gelluk's.They greeted him, and Azver took the word - "Come into the Grove, Master Windkey," he said, "and..of Solea, "in the orchards in the spring." He did not continue on to Enlad, but stayed with.."I said you have a strength in you, a great one," the witch said from the darkness. "And you know it too. What you are to do I don't know, nor do you. That's to find. But there's no such power as to name yourself.."dances, races, sacrifices, carvings, songs, music, and silence. Worship was both casual and..to be a window turned out to be, of course, a television, so that I drifted off with the knowledge.."I don't know, my dear. I do want you to be safe. I do love to see your father happy and proud of you. But I can't bear to see you unhappy, without pride! I don't know. Maybe you're right. Maybe for a man it's only one thing ever. But I miss hearing you sing.."..too clever; that's good. Not too clever to learn, like some... I'll teach you, if you like. Do you..and looked very much a man, though a very young one.."Yes," he said, "but only disguised. I won't put a semblance-spell on you till we're on Roke.."Why of course not?".."The great lode?" Gelluk looked straight at him, their faces not a hand's breadth apart. The light in his bluish eyes was like the soft, crazy shift of quicksilver. "The womb?"..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (29 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].All rights reserved, which includes the right to reproduce this book or..Hemlock might have known then what he was up against; but having told the boy he would not be his master any longer, he could not in conscience command him. "You have a true gift, Essiri," he said, using the name he had given the boy in the springs of the Amia, a word that in the Old Speech means Willow. "I don't entirely understand it. I think you don't understand it at all. Take care! To misuse a gift, or to refuse to use it, may cause great loss, great harm.."..into a strict hierarchy by Halkel. Under his rules:..Gully," he named himself after a pause, and she thought it was a name he had made up to call himself. It did not fit him. Nothing about him fit together, made a whole. Yet she felt no distrust of him. She was easy with him. He meant no harm to her. She thought there was kindness in him, the way he spoke of the animals. He would have a way with them, she thought. He was like an animal himself, a silent, damaged creature that needed protection but couldn't ask for it.."Oh, they'll come for the glory," said the harper, a lean, long-jawed, wall-eyed fellow of forty..there was a light that was not werelight. He went forward. He had been crawling for a long time..pretty girls were always near him. He drank a good deal of Gadge Brewer's excellent beer, and..In Golden's understanding, money was power, but not the only power. There were two others, one..He went on showing his wares and joking with the women and children. Nobody bought anything. They gazed at the trinkets as if they were treasures. He let them gaze and finger all they would; indeed he let one of the children filch a little mirror of polished brass, seeing it vanish under the ragged shirt and saying nothing. At last he said he must go on, and the children drifted away as he folded up his pack..I was attracted to an avenue of elongated lights. On the transparent stone of the ceilings,..Of them all it was the Herbal, the healer, who was the first to move. He went up the path and.."I think, if you stayed, Heleth, we could talk..".."It isn't right. It isn't my true name! I thought my name would make me be me. But this makes it worse. You got it wrong. You're only a witch. You did it wrong. It's his name. He can have it. He's so proud of it, his stupid domain, his stupid grandfather. I don't want it. I won't have it. It isn't me. I still don't know who I am. I'm not Irian!" She fell silent abruptly, having spoken the name..are to help me, and if I am to teach you, you must try a little harder. I think you know how." He..He no longer kept a cow. He stood looking into the poultry yard, considering. The fox had been visiting the orchard lately. But the birds would have to forage if he stayed away. They must take their chances, like everyone else. He opened their gate a little. Though the rain was no more than a misty drizzle now, they stayed hunched up under the henhouse eaves, disconsolate. The King had not crowed once this morning..bully and humiliate them, spite and thwart them, hating the death they saw in them. He had seen.."They say," said Ayo from the shadows, "that there's an island where the rule of justice is kept..He looked up suddenly. The sheep, who had been grouped near the stile, were scurrying off, and someone was coming along the path from the Great House..and deeper for a long time, till he reached the longest of those pools, and after that the way..hunting for me through all the infors of this station-city..cloak of wisdom. Roke is no longer where power is in Earthsea. That's the Court in Havnor, now.."But he told me about some of the students.."..In a busy street leading down to the busy wharfs of Gont Port, the wizard Ogion stopped short. The..vanished in a silent blackness that rose slowly higher. The master looked at that. "Witchwind, you..was leaping up and down, a frog? a toad? a big cricket? He went out into the garden and came up..there and he did not want to be there with them. In them he knew was a vague fear of him as a.."Hah!" said Golden. "Well! I will say I'm glad of it, son." He ate a small porkpie in one mouthful. "Being a wizard, going to Roke, all that, it never seemed real, not exactly. And with you off there, I didn't know what all this was for, to tell you the truth. All my business. If you're here, it adds up, you see. It adds up. Well! But listen here, did you just run off from the wizard? Did he know you were going?"..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (1 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "You must find the true womb, the bellybag of the Earth, that holds the pure moonseed. Did you..know later was a great spell of Transforming. Ard spoke the words of the spell awry, as teachers..Ivory nodded gravely. "But the Archmage lost all his power in the land of death.

Maybe all magery. bold and graceful, her head carried high..were filled with displays, I had had a cloudy sky over me; how, then, did it happen that now, a. you to wait all that time unpaid, neither. So here's an advance, like, on what's to come, and. "Only the Master can go there." "It isn't the life I want." Her mother Ayo and her mothers sister Mead were wise women. They healed Otter as best they could. street did I remember that I had intended to ask about a hotel. "How many minutes, then?" .pilot lights; from above poured heat, so possibly it was indeed gas. In the walls I saw recesses. It was far more convenient to him that Losen should be king than that he himself should rule. In Endlane and the villages round the foot of Onn on Havnor, women spinning and weaving sing a riddle song of which the last line has to do, maybe, with the man who was Medra, and Otter, and Tern.. anything lost, a dropped nail, a mislaid tool, as soon as he understood the word for it. And as a woman repeated, "I won't have it! Don't let that touch me." I did not see the face of the speaker.. "Master," Medra said, afoot, "wake up."

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